Looking Back on 2019

As 2019 comes to a close, we would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to all those who provided their time and feedback to City initiatives this year. Your interest and commitment to getting involved is critical to achieving the vision in the Engage Winnipeg Policy:

*A city where meaningful engagement and recognition of diverse perspectives and knowledge contributes to better decision making.*

**Engagement Highlights from 2019:**

- September 26 - Council adopted the [Engage Winnipeg Policy](https://www.winnipeg.ca/department.EnlistYourInput.aspx)
- Two phases of engagement on the [Winnipeg Transit Master Plan](https://www.winnipeg.ca/department.EnlistYourInput.aspx)
- Two phases of engagement on [Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History](https://www.winnipeg.ca/department.EnlistYourInput.aspx)
- Infill strategy design guidelines and intensification criteria engagement
- New online engagement tool: [engage.winnipeg.ca](https://engage.winnipeg.ca) - watch for more opportunities to be part of this online community in 2020.

**How your feedback became action in 2019:**

The highlights below are a sample of the projects that were constructed/implemented in 2019 that started with public engagement to design and plan with community needs and context in mind. We often talk about public engagement in the early stages of projects; these projects turned your feedback into changes around our city in 2019.

- [Waverley Underpass Project](https://www.winnipeg.ca/department.EnlistYourInput.aspx) opened
- Newly redeveloped [Gord Dong Park](https://www.winnipeg.ca/department.EnlistYourInput.aspx) opened
- [Victoria Jason Skate Park](https://www.winnipeg.ca/department.EnlistYourInput.aspx) opened after a major renewal
- [Vehicles for Hire pre-payment pilot](https://www.winnipeg.ca/department.EnlistYourInput.aspx) began
- [Fermor Avenue Bridge](https://www.winnipeg.ca/department.EnlistYourInput.aspx) reopened after rehabilitation and roadworks
• Downtown bike lanes opened on Garry Street
• Construction began for the Bill and Helen Norrie Library to align with the Grant Park Recreation Campus Plan

We look forward to working with community members in 2020 to develop a public engagement framework that outlines clear steps and processes to put our public engagement principles into practice.

ONGOING EFFORTS:
• Trust building
• Earlier project involvement
• Improving consistency and transparency

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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